

Crystal Falls, Michigan

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A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, May 14, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Heikkinen, Smokevitch, and Bicigo.

Absent: Councilor Valesano

Also Present: City Manager Nordeman, City Attorney Lawrence, and City Clerk/Treasurer Olson.

In attendance in the audience were: Jeff Sjoquist, Lynn Perry, Ron Basso, Julie Melchiori, Larry Bicigo, Richard Hendrickson, Kelly Stankewicz, and Robert Sherwin.

Mayor Hendrickson led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hendrickson requested the Electric Department Activity Report for the month of April be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Councilor Bicigo moved that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as noted below:

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2007 and the special meetings of April 18, April 25, April 26, and May 10, 2007 as written.
2. The following reports for the month of April 2007:
  - A. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Sherwin, indicating 210 complaints, of which 14 were closed by arrest, and logging of 2,219 miles on patrol duty.
  - B. Joint Fire Authority report, as submitted by Fire Chief Ahola, indicating answering six (6) fire calls; spending approximately 59.5 man-hours fighting fires; and holding one practice and training session.
  - D. Public Works Dept report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
  - E. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Dorothea Olson.
3. Payrolls and Disbursements in the amount of \$486,470.44 and instructed the City Clerk/Treasurer to draw checks on the City Treasury in payment of same.
4. Forest Park Community School Summer Recreation Program contribution of \$2,000.00.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Heikkinen, Smokevitch, and Bicigo. Nays: none Absent: Councilor Valesano.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson led the discussion of the electric department report and addressed the issue of disposal of the old light poles being removed from Superior Avenue.

Councilor Smokevitch seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to

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authorize the City Manager to sell the old light poles for \$30.00 each to any interested parties, and further, should delivery be necessary to charge \$30.00 per delivery.

Motion carried.

The Electric Department monthly report was accepted.

Ron Basso updated the Council on the progress of the Crystal Manor Building re-development.

Julie Melchiori updated the Council on the Façade program.

Mayor Hendrickson reported on the DDA meeting held earlier in the day.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to approve an invoice from MaryAnn Harrington for DDA secretarial services and postage in the amount of \$96.60.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson and Councilor Heikkinen moved to direct Clerk Olson to pen letters of thanks to Representative Mike Lahti and Senator Mike Prusi for their assistance in securing MSHDA funding for the Crystal Manor re-development project.

Motion carried.

Jeff Sjoquist of Coleman Engineering updated the Council on the water projects. He reported that the loan closing with Rural Development will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 9:00 am with a ceremonial presentation scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Clerk/Treasurer Olson reported that no bids were received on the John Deere Lawn Tractor.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to reduce the minimum bid for the John Deere Lawn Tractor to \$800.00 and directed Clerk/Treasurer Olson to re-advertise the sale.

Motion carried.

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to accept the sole bid on the 1991 Ford bucket truck of \$3,000.00 from the Iron County Road Commission.

Motion carried.

Attorney Lawrence was directed to compile a report for the City Council regarding the proposed exchange of land with Michael Casanova (properties along the Paint River).

Mayor Hendrickson requested that the city's ordinance regarding

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blight be revisited. Copies of blight ordinances from other communities will be gathered for comparison.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to impose a parking ban on North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Fairbanks Road, Wagner Street, Crystal Avenue (from River to N. 5<sup>th</sup> St), and Marquette Avenue (from River to N. 5<sup>th</sup> St) until further notice.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Bicigo moved to purchase a sponsorship with the Friends of the Heritage Trail in the amount of \$80.00.

Motion carried.

Manager Nordeman was directed to work with other cable TV companies to protest the proposed re-transmission fee from Fox 11, WLJK-Green Bay.

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to accept a bid from U.P. Office Equipment Systems of Marquette for a new Sharp FO-3150 Fax Machine in the amount of \$435.00 for use in the City offices.

Motion carried.

(There were two (2) other fax machine bids: OPG of Iron Mountain - \$795.00 for a Canon LC 2050; and Cooper Office Equip of Iron Mountain - \$549.00 for a Sharp FO-3150)

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to approve the compensation of \$600.00 to Robert Sliva for service as Golf Course Marshall for the 2007 golf season.

Motion carried.

Councilor Smokevitch seconded by Mayor Hendrickson to authorize Forester John Force to proceed with the seeking of bids for a timber harvest on the property adjacent to the ski hill.

Motion carried.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to approve the amendment to MDOT Contract No. 07-5222 and authorize Manager Nordeman and Mayor Hendrickson to execute said amendment.

Motion carried.

Councilor Smokevitch seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to amend the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Policy to include the following:

"The fees for burials will be billed to the funeral home in charge of

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arrangements for each burial. It is the responsibility of the funeral director in charge of the burial to arrange for the payment of all burial fees due to the City in advance of each burial."

Motion carried.

The above will be inserted into the policy under the heading of "Burials".

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Mayor Hendrickson to transfer the amount of \$525,000.00 from the Water Fund to the General Fund.

Motion carried.

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Councilor Bicigo to approve the appointments of Allyce Westphal, Pat Milliron, and Bill Leonoff to the Crystal Theater Board of Directors.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Julie Harp from the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried.

Councilor Smokevitch seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to authorize a special camping rate of \$495.00/month for sites with full hookups for the M69 construction workers for the 2007 season.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to appoint Tim Bean to the position of Police Sergeant and to set his compensation at \$.70 over that of the patrolman's hourly wage.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson noted that the Planning Commission has completed the new Zoning Ordinance and a public hearing has been set for Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to adjourn this meeting of the City Council.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING CLERK \_\_\_\_\_